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How did the managers react to the strike? What did they do? Did they come out and talk to you? Did they have armed guards out?

Eula McGill

No, no; they shut the gates and shut down the mill. The bosses just left the mill—except they had a watchman, you know, to watch it. But there was no activity at the mill; they didn't attempt to open it up, except that one time they brought that truckload. They couldn't run it with that one truckload; they were on a flatbedded truck standing up like a bunch of cattle, but they couldn't have operated it with that.

See, there were one or two paid organizers in the state, and they couldn't supervise; we were just more or less left pretty well to fend for ourselves the best we could. And they had to spend, of course, a lot of their time in Huntsville because they had more people out and three big mills: Dallas, Merrimack and Erwin Mills were all out. And of course they got contracts there.

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